

State of Alaska FY2011 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Foster Care Special Need Component Budget Summary

Component: Foster Care Special Need**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Provides funding to meet special, occasional needs of children in state custody, as mandated by statute. This financial support enhances the State's preventative service delivery system by fulfilling many fiduciary obligations for children and families that fall outside of monthly reimbursed rates.

Core Services

- Reimburses providers for pre-approved, allowable expenditures that are not covered by Foster Care Base Rates and that have been assessed on an as-needed basis.

Key Component Challenges

It is a continuing challenge to keep pace with increased needs and increased costs while providing for the varying needs of children and families. For example, federal requirements for visitation between children in custody and family members must be adhered to, increasing travel costs particularly in the rural areas of the state; child care costs continue to rise requiring working foster families to pay any co-pays or costs above the \$700.00 monthly limit; and it continues to be difficult to find licensed child care in rural Alaska. OCS must pay for medical expenses not covered under Medicaid. As Medicaid budget constraints require restrictions, OCS foster care special needs costs increase.

OCS does not anticipate any easy solution to these problems as they are prone to the same economic factors as every family in Alaska. While there is no request for additional funds for FY11, we do anticipate increased costs in FY10 and FY11. The OCS will continue to closely monitor expenditures regionally and provide guidance on allowable costs while remaining flexible to current needs.

In addition, OCS is exploring alternatives for licensed day care in rural areas and will revisit allowable costs during the fiscal year to make certain they meet the needs of our children and families.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2011

It is impossible to provide funding for all that is requested, but the OCS must continue to be flexible and proactive to provide funding for costs to foster homes that fall outside of reimbursement rates. When allowable costs are adjusted to current trends, fewer reimbursement or purchases must be denied and families are more satisfied with the program. This is a key factor to keeping good foster families involved in the foster care programs and promoting the safety of children who cannot remain in their own homes.

Updated Status for Results to be Delivered in FY2010

In recent years, children placed in foster care have more complex needs and issues, and foster parents are often required to have a greater level of specialized knowledge. The Office of Children's Services continues to supply foster parent training to provide the essential skills needed to successfully deal with the individual behaviors and special needs of the children in their care. Each foster parent that can effectively nurture a special needs child has a positive impact on the mission of OCS.

The OCS requested and received additional funds for special needs costs related to the increase in the number of children in care as well as an increase in funds to be provided by the Division of Public Assistance for foster and relative child care needs. These increases will promote the recruitment and retention of good foster homes in Alaska, thus affecting OCS outcomes. OCS anticipates this impact to be realized more fully in 2010 than 2009.

Status Update: OCS is better able to keep pace with family needs as a result of increased funding and updated policies for allowable costs. Fewer provider complaints have been received.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2009

Special Need funds cover a large spectrum of costs from a prom dress for a young woman attending the high school dance to damages and loss to foster parents' property caused by a child with special needs. Purchases made with Foster Care Special Needs funds are accomplishments that alleviate the financial burden of raising a child for those foster families and relative families willing to provide for children in custody.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.05.010	Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions, duties of department
AS 47.10	Children in Need of Aid
AS 47.14.100	Care of Children
AS 47.17	Child Protection
AS 47.40	Purchase of Services
7 AAC 53, Article 1	Child Care Foster Care Payments
7 AAC 53, Article 3	Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income
Title IV-E of the Social Security Act	

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Foster Care Special Need Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	4.3	0.5	0.5
73000 Services	241.3	1,122.6	1,122.6
74000 Commodities	0.2	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	5,258.0	5,140.6	5,140.6
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	5,503.8	6,263.7	6,263.7
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	394.8	1,027.7	1,027.7
1003 General Fund Match	1,392.5	1,531.5	1,531.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,441.9	1,461.5	1,461.5
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	1,475.1	1,495.1	1,495.1
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	747.9	747.9	747.9
1212 Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009	51.6	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	5,503.8	6,263.7	6,263.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Conference Committee	FY2010 Authorized	FY2010 Authorized	FY2011 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Federal Receipts	51010	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,027.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,495.1
Restricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,522.8
Total Estimated Revenues		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,522.8

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2010 Management Plan to FY2011 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2010 Management Plan	3,740.9	1,027.7	1,495.1	6,263.7
FY2011 Governor	3,740.9	1,027.7	1,495.1	6,263.7

Component Detail All Funds **Department of Health and Social Services**

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

RDU: Children's Services (486)

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Conference Committee	FY2010 Authorized	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor	FY2010 Management Plan vs FY2011 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	4.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	241.3	1,122.6	1,122.6	1,122.6	1,122.6	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	5,258.0	5,140.6	5,140.6	5,140.6	5,140.6	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	5,503.8	6,263.7	6,263.7	6,263.7	6,263.7	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1002 Fed Rcpts	394.8	1,027.7	1,027.7	1,027.7	1,027.7	0.0	0.0%
1003 G/F Match	1,392.5	1,531.5	1,531.5	1,531.5	1,531.5	0.0	0.0%
1004 Gen Fund	1,441.9	1,461.5	1,461.5	1,461.5	1,461.5	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts	1,475.1	1,495.1	1,495.1	1,495.1	1,495.1	0.0	0.0%
1037 GF/MH	747.9	747.9	747.9	747.9	747.9	0.0	0.0%
1212 Fed ARRA	51.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
General Funds	3,582.3	3,740.9	3,740.9	3,740.9	3,740.9	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	446.4	1,027.7	1,027.7	1,027.7	1,027.7	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	1,475.1	1,495.1	1,495.1	1,495.1	1,495.1	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios With Descriptions
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

RDU: Children's Services (486)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2010 Conference Committee To FY2010 Authorized *****												
FY2010 Conference Committee	ConfCom	6,263.7	0.0	0.5	1,122.6	0.0	0.0	5,140.6	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		1,027.7										
1003 G/F Match		1,531.5										
1004 Gen Fund		1,461.5										
1007 I/A Rcpts		1,495.1										
1037 GF/MH		747.9										
	Subtotal	6,263.7	0.0	0.5	1,122.6	0.0	0.0	5,140.6	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2010 Authorized To FY2010 Management Plan *****												
	Subtotal	6,263.7	0.0	0.5	1,122.6	0.0	0.0	5,140.6	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2010 Management Plan To FY2011 Governor *****												
	Totals	6,263.7	0.0	0.5	1,122.6	0.0	0.0	5,140.6	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Travel

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
72000	Travel		4.3	0.5	0.5
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
72000 Travel Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	0.5
72930	Cash Advance Fee	Cash advance fees on credit cards used for travel.	0.0	0.0	0.5

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name			FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
73000	Services			241.3	1,122.6	1,122.6
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
73000 Services Detail Totals				0.0	0.0	1,122.6
73026	Training/Conferences	Provide training to foster parents to enable them to acquire the skills they need to successfully deal with the special needs of the children in their care.		0.0	0.0	691.0
73052	Mgmt/Consulting (Non IA Svcs Financial)	Compile, submit, and process applications for SSI benefits on behalf of children in OCS' care.		0.0	0.0	110.0
73225	Delivery Services	Delivery, freight, messenger and courier costs.		0.0	0.0	1.5
73755	Safety Services	Alcohol and drug testing services.		0.0	0.0	40.1
73756	Print/Copy/Graphics	Print, copy, reproduce and bind necessary forms, booklets and other resources required for recruitment and retention of foster care providers.		0.0	0.0	60.0
73812	Legal	Law	RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, OCS Direct Charge Reimbursement. Reimbursement for copies of legal records, medical records, client related travel and other costs associated with cases.	0.0	0.0	100.0
73823	Health	H&SS	RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Health, Vital Statistics Data Inquires. Cost to receive certified copies of birth certificates, electronic system information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. \$20.0 RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Assistance, Administrative Services Child Care Eligibility. Cost of purchasing child care administrative services from the Division of Public Assistance so that foster parents are not forced to work with two separate child care agencies. \$100.0	0.0	0.0	120.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Commodities

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
74000	Commodities	0.2	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail
Department of Health and Social Services
Grants, Benefits

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
77000	Grants, Benefits		5,258.0	5,140.6	5,140.6
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
77000 Grants, Benefits Detail Totals			0.0	0.0	5,140.6
77300	Foster/Adopt(Nontax)	Reimbursement to foster care providers for one-time or irregular expenditures that are not covered with Foster Care Base Rate or Foster Care Augmented benefits. Benefits include but are not limited to damages and loss to foster providers, parent training, child care and travel for children in foster care to visit their families.	0.0	0.0	2,600.2
77310	Day Care (Taxable)	Cost to provide reimbursement to working foster parents, unlicensed relatives, and biological parents needing child protective services child care as well as cost to process child care applications in one location for foster parents and unlicensed relatives.	0.0	0.0	2,540.4

Restricted Revenue Detail **Department of Health and Social Services**

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Master Account	Revenue Description	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
51010	Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	1,027.7

Detail Information

Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
51010	Federal Receipts Title IVE of the Social Security Act		06213604	11100	0.0	0.0	1,027.7

Restricted Revenue Detail **Department of Health and Social Services**

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)
RDU: Children's Services (486)

Master Account	Revenue Description	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
51015	Interagency Receipts	0.0	0.0	1,495.1

Detail Information

Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
59060	Health & Social Svcs	Child Care Benefits	06213604	11100	0.0	0.0	1,495.1
	RSA: DHSS, Division of Public Assistance, Child Care Benefits for Child Protective Services						

Inter-Agency Services
Department of Health and Social Services

Component: Foster Care Special Need (2238)

RDU: Children's Services (486)

Expenditure Account		Service Description	Service Type	Servicing Agency	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
73812	Legal	RSA: Department of Law, Civil Division, OCS Direct Charge Reimbursement. Reimbursement for copies of legal records, medical records, client related travel and other costs associated with cases.	Inter-dept	Law	0.0	0.0	100.0
73812 Legal subtotal:					0.0	0.0	100.0
73823	Health	RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Health, Vital Statistics Data Inquires. Cost to receive certified copies of birth certificates, electronic system information and paternity determinations as needed to proceed with case management functions. \$20.0	Intra-dept	H&SS	0.0	0.0	120.0
		RSA: Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Public Assistance, Administrative Services Child Care Eligibility. Cost of purchasing child care administrative services from the Division of Public Assistance so that foster parents are not forced to work with two separate child care agencies. \$100.0					
73823 Health subtotal:					0.0	0.0	120.0
Foster Care Special Need total:					0.0	0.0	220.0
Grand Total:					0.0	0.0	220.0